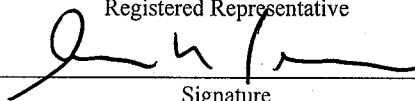


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Dear Sir:

Applicants file the enclosed response to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2008
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2
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